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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2002, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Office Action of the Examiner mailed December 20, 2002, in regard to the above numbered matter. Claims 1-21 and 23-28 remain pending. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6, 11, 13-15 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Webster, Jr., U.S. Patent No. 5,057,092. After careful review of the cited reference, Applicants respectfully disagree.

The Examiner has cited Figure 2 of the Webster, Jr. reference. Webster, Jr. describes the process of fabrication: